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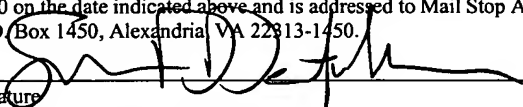
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : H. D. Baumann
Serial Number : 10/042,064
Filed : October 18, 2001
For : CONNECTING AND LOCKING STEMS FOR
VALVES AND OTHER DEVICES

TC/A.U. : 3726
Examiner : Compton, Eric B.
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Docket Number : FCW-003 (62-11296)

RE-SUBMISSION**OF****ELECTION FOLLOWING RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the papers referred to as being enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
Signature	
Sean D. Detweiler	
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Dear Sir:

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Applicant's below signed representative received a telephone call from Examiner Compton concerning this application in May 13, 2004. The Examiner informed

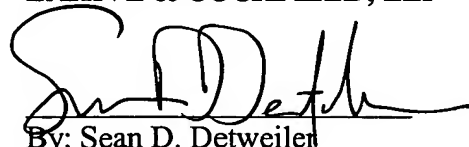
Applicant's representative that no documents had been received by the Examiner in response to the restriction requirement mailed October 28, 2003.

Applicant's representative advised the Examiner that the attached Election was timely filed using the Express Mail procedure on November 24, 2003. A copy of the Express Mail receipt indicating the mailing date of November 24, 2003 is included with this resubmission, along with a copy of the originally filed Election. The Certificate of Mailing in the original Response filed November 24, 2003 indicates an Express Mail label number of EV 311018059 US, which matches the corresponding number on the Express Mail receipt, thus indicating that the Response was filed on November 24, 2003.

Should the Examiner have any questions, or need any further information concerning the timely submission of the Response to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact Applicant's below signed representative. Otherwise, the Examiner is requested to consider the attached Election in which Applicant has elected Group I (claims 1-12) of the pending application for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean D. Detweiler', is written over a horizontal line.

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